

SAVE THE DATES!!



Wild Winter Wonders Winter Break Camp

Looking for a fun camp for your kids during their Winter Break?!

Dec. 26-20 & Jan. 2-6
Ages 8-12

Join us for a hands-on experience with plants and animals, discovering their unique adaptations. Have fun with nature games, wildlife arts and crafts and more. **For more information, call (407)349-0959**



MISSION

We enhance the quality of life for citizens and visitors by providing excellent parks, recreation, greenways, natural lands and preservation of heritage for present and future generations.

Visit the Natural Lands Web site
www.seminolecountyfl.gov/natland

Celebrate Our Native Plants!

Native Plant Awareness Day
October 22, 2011, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

FREE EVENT!

**Environmental Studies Center at
Seminole County's Spring Hammock Preserve, 2985 Osprey Trail in Longwood**



Join us for a special event to learn about and appreciate our native surroundings. Learn about the native plants found in Seminole County and how they benefit you and the wildlife that shares your habitat. You can talk to the experts about the many uses for native plants such as xeriscaping and butterfly gardening. There will be a guided hike, native plant workshops, vendors, and exhibitors. The Environmental Studies Center Museum will be open for only \$2 per person or \$5 per family.

Sponsored the Seminole County Natural Lands Program and The Friends of the Environmental Studies Center

This is a FREE open house for all ages.

**NATIVE PLANT SALE
HOSTED BY THE CUPLET FERN CHAPTER
OF THE FLORIDA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY.**



Seminole County Guided Hikes



Lead by the Natural Lands Division on some of our most beautiful wilderness areas. \$3 per person. Please register in advance, space is limited. Ages 7 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

September 10	Swamp Walk	8:00 -10:00 a.m.	@ Spring Hammock Preserve
September 16	Insects After Dark	7:30 -9:30 p.m.	@ Geneva Wilderness Area
October 7	Nocturnal Animals	7:30 - 9:30 p.m.	@ Lake Harney Wilderness Area
October 15	Swamp Walk	8:00 -10:00 a.m.	@ Spring Hammock Preserve
October 21	Voices in the Dark	7:30 - 9:30 p.m.	@ Lake Proctor Wilderness Area
November 4	Nocturnal Animals	7:30 - 9:30 p.m.	@ Econ River Wilderness Area
November 5	Swamp Walk	8:00-10:00 a.m.	@ Spring Hammock Preserve
November 18	Owl Prowl	7:30 - 9:30 p.m.	@ Geneva Wilderness Area

For more information or registration call (407) 349-0959.

Upcoming Classes

SNAKE CLASS

October 1, 9 a.m. to Noon

Geneva Wilderness Area, Cost: \$10

Join a local snake expert as he gives an introduction to Central Florida's slithering residents! Open to ages 7 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration required. Call (407)349-0959



OWL CLASS

October 28, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Ed Yarborough Nature Center at the Geneva Wilderness Area, Cost: \$10

Learn all about these silent hunters

of the night! Hike to listen for owls and dissect your own owl pellet! Open to ages 7 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration required. Call (407)349-0959

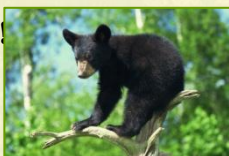
LIVING WITH BEARS

November 4, 7 – 8 p.m. at

Sylvan Lake Park. FREE!

Wildlife biologist Mike Orlando will discuss interactions between

bears and people and how to ensure a positive and safe experience. He will also speak about bear behavior and the science and techniques used to discover the secrets of a bear's life. Pre-registration required. Call (407)349-0959



CREATE A BACKYARD HABITAT

December 3, 9 -11 a.m. at Ed Yarborough Nature Center, FREE!

The Florida Yards and Neighborhoods program is having a 2 hour class on the pros and cons of attracting backyard wildlife. The Florida-Friendly Landscaping 9th Principle is Attract Wildlife to your yard by planting plants that provide food sources for desirable insects, water sources for birds and reptiles, and shelter to urban wildlife. We will discuss the importance of pollinators and some problem critters. Come and check it out. Pre-registration required. Call (407)349-0959 to register.

Nature Adventure Birthday Party

Create a birthday party experience your child will never forget! Party themes feature live animals, nature walks, natural science exploration and more.



Please call (407) 349-0959 for more information.

Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Theme	Location
Sep. 10	Hike	Swamp Walk	Spring Hammock Pres.
Sep. 16	Hike	Insects After Dark	Geneva WA
Sept. 24	Hike	National Public Lands Day	Geneva WA
Oct. 1	Class	Snake	Geneva Wilderness Area
Oct. 7	Hike	Nocturnal Animals	Lake Harney WA
Oct. 15	Hike	Swamp Walk	Spring Hammock Pres.
Oct. 21	Hike	Voices in the Dark	Lake Proctor WA
Oct. 22	Open House	Native Plant Day	Environ. Studies Center
Oct. 28	Class	Owl	Geneva WA - EYNC
Nov. 4	Hike	Nocturnal Animals	Econ River WA
Nov. 9	Class	Living w/Bears	Sylvan Lake Park
Nov. 5	Hike	Swamp Walk	Spring Hammock Pres.
Nov. 18	Hike	Owl Prowl	Geneva WA
Dec. 3	Class	Create a Backyard Habitat	Geneva WA

WA = Wilderness Area,
EYNC = Ed Yarborough
Nature Center

Check our Web site for more info:
www.seminolecountyfl.gov/parksrec/naturallands/



Ed Yarborough Nature Center

Other Hiking Opportunities

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

September 24, 2011

In honor of NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY join us on **Saturday, September 24th** at 7:00 p.m. for a free hike at the Geneva Wilderness Area, 3485 N. County Road 426, Geneva. After a brief program in the nature center we will explore the trails and habitats of the County's original wilderness area. You must be pre-registered by Thursday, September 22nd. To register, call 407.349.0959.



**Cuplet Fern Chapter of the Florida
Native Plant Society sponsored
Saturday morning hikes.**

Join the Cuplet Fern Chapter for the following **FREE** hikes. For more information, please call (407) 302-7616.

November 19, 2011, 9 a.m. Black Hammock Wilderness Area
January 14, 2012, 9 a.m. – Chuluota Wilderness Area
February 18, 2012, 9 a.m. – Lake Jesup Wilderness Area